## An Honest Letter to Congress By J.J. Johnson

Dear Honorable Member of Congress,

No doubt you've already received tons of letters about how you should vote on the gun legislation that has been sent from the Senate. Many are from people who believe in the right to keep and bear arms. I am one of those Americans.

But unlike the other letters you have and will receive from firearms enthusiasts around the country, I have a different, yet more direct opinion on the important decision you must make. I appreciate you taking the time to read further.

I am not a member of the NRA. Nor will I bore you with statements from our founding fathers about the "so-called" right to keep and bear arms. Neither will I insult your intelligence giving you statistics on how guns may or may not reduce crime. You're probably tired of reading those letters, anyway. After you read this letter, I'm sure you will be tempted to forward it to your institutions of national law enforcement.

It is those aforementioned institutions that are the primary reason most of the 80,000,000 (that's eighty million) gun owners in this country have decided to arm themselves to the teeth over the last few years. It began as fear – but quickly leading to anger. Thus, I understand the political pressure that will be placed on you to cast your vote for more gun restrictions. In fact, if I were in your shoes, I might be tempted to do the same. After all, there isn't an 80,000,000 man army to stop them. That scares me.

If I were a Congressman, and knew more than what the public knows about how I'd sold them down the river, made enemies out of virtually every country on earth, allowed our national security to walk overseas for a campaign contribution, and bankrupted the nation, I would soon be worried about a fraction of those 80,000,000 Americans making every attempt to blow my head off – leaving my brains splattered across the Capitol Hill Rotunda.

Few people would dare speak or write to a member of Congress in this manner. Nor would I. But unlike the current occupant of the White House, I believe honesty is the best policy. And I hate violence. Hence, I ask that you please refrain from insulting the dead and wounded of Littleton and Conyers, Georgia on the House floor debates to justify your vote. If you gave a speech such as:

"...Many of these 80,000,000 gun owners may soon decide to use these weapons against federal law enforcement, and the military forces we're training against them. They might even start shooting us. It's not really about the Constitution as much as the fact that we have too much power and they just don't like us anymore. For that reason, we should disarm them..."

I believe you would gain much more credibility and respect from both sides of this debate. People from both sides would say, "Now, there's an honest politician." Then, you can freely vote for more gun restrictions, knowing there is less chance of the people using lethal force in their attempt to restore "their idea" of a free state.

I am a peace loving American. And I fear what some of these 80,000,000 gun owners (many of them ex-military) might do. I will be a neutral witness to the future and support whatever decision my Congressman makes. But I suggest Congress quit playing politics with this issue. Please save time and simply repeal the Second Amendment of the Constitution. Also pass a law that anyone found with any firearm should be shot on sight...

... That way, 80,000,000 people will know they have nothing left to lose.

Thank you for your time, J.J. Johnson